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REGENT HOUSE,  
CHEPSTOW.....MON.

TEL. NO. CHEPSTOW 3125/6.

CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

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Mr. A. Gill

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Mr. E.M. Taylor

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Mr. D.J. Turner

Rating Officer and Collector

Mr. W.A. Hood

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. E.N. Dowell.

CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Regent House,

CHEPSTOW.....Mon.

12th. June. 1967.

To:- The Chairman and Members of  
the Chepstow Urban District Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary  
Conditions of your District for the year ended 31st. December. 1966.

The health of the district continues to be satisfactory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taylor  
and Mr. Turner for their help and co-operation.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

E.N. DOWELL

Medical Officer of Health.



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CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1966.

STATISTICS.

The estimated mid-year population was 7560. In 1965 it was 7570.

The natural increase, i.e. the figure that the number of births exceeds the number of deaths, was 33.

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	67	76	143
Illegitimate	6	5	11

Of the above number only 32 were registered with the Local Registrar.

The highest number of births recorded since 1950 was 197 in 1963 and the lowest was 81 in 1952.

The live birth rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 17.88.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2

The following are details of the transferable still-births as supplied by the Registrar-General :-

- |            |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|
| (i) Male   | 1a. Prematurity.      |
| (ii)Female | 1a. Abruptio placenta |
|            | b. Toxaemia.          |

### INFANT MORTALITY.

<u>Deaths of Infants under one year of age.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	2	1	3

The following gives a list of the deaths of infants under one year of age, giving age at and cause of death :-

(i) Female	10 weeks	1a. Asphyxia b. Inhalation.
(ii) Male	5 months	1a. Bronchopneumonia Congenital heart disease- fibro-elastosis of endocardium
(iii) Male	1 month	1a. Spina bifida - meningocoele.

In 1952 and 1962 there were 5 deaths of infants under one year of age.

### DEATHS.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	64	57	121.

Of the deaths registered in 1966, 43 died in hospitals in your district, and although they were not residents, had been in hospital for more than six months before occurrence of death.

In 1962 there were 126 registered deaths.

For fifteen consecutive years no death has been attributed to childbirth.

The death rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 13.59.

The following table gives a classification of the cause of death and the number attributed to each cause.

DEATHS IN CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT 1966.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus		1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	10
Coronary disease, angina	10	15
Hypertension with heart disease		2
Other heart disease	9	6
Other circulatory disease	2	3
Influenza	1	
Pneumonia	1	2
Bronchitis	8	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	
Congenital malformations	3	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	6
All other accidents		2
Suicide	1	
Total all causes	64	57



## GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGY:

### DIPHTHERIA.

For fourteen consecutive years, no case has been notified.

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year, 110 children were immunised against diphtheria. In 1965, the number of immunisations was 96.

Of the number immunised, 38 were babies born in 1966 and 60 were born in 1965.

### VACCINATIONS (SMALLPOX).

In 1966 only 68 primary vaccinations were completed. In 1962, the year that smallpox came to South Wales, there were 3403.

### POLIOMYELITIS.

As in 1965, there were no cases notified. In the last ten years, only two cases have been notified and they occurred in 1957.

### FOOD POISONING.

For ten years, no cases have been reported.

### DYSENTERY.

For the sixth consecutive year, no notifications have been received.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

The only notification received during the year of a primary case of tuberculosis was that occurring in the lungs of a male, aged 21 years. In 1963, there were no notifications.

### PUBLIC HEALTH (LEPROSY) 1966.

Copies of the above regulations were sent to general practitioners.



PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER. 1966.

WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the district is supplied with a piped water supply. As from the 1st. October. 1960, the Chepstow Water Co., a private Company which had previously supplied water to the Urban District for a long number of years, ceased to operate and was taken over by the newly constituted Board, The Newport and South Monmouthshire Water Board, comprising the County Borough of Newport, Urban Districts of Caerleon, Chepstow and Cwmbran and the Rural Districts of Chepstow and Magor & St. Mellons.

13 samples of water were regularly taken for both chemical and bacteriological examination, the results being satisfactory. The water is not subject to plumbo-solvency.

151 samples of treated water were taken by the Newport and South Monmouthshire Water Board for both chemical and bacteriological examination, all the results being satisfactory.

SWIMMING & BATHING POOLS.

There are no swimming pools within the area.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Contracts Nos. 1 and 2 of the Council's Main Drainage Scheme have now been completed. These works provided new Trunk sewers to serve the needs of land scheduled for residential development, and the provision of a new Stormwater overflow sewer discharging into the River Wye.

Contracts 3 and 4 of the Scheme provide for rising mains to pump the sewerage from the old town of Chepstow to high ground in the Bulwark Area, from whence it will gravitate in existing sewers to the new Sewage Works at Thornwell. The works provide for partial treatment before discharge into the River Wye at the confluence of the Severn. The total costs of the works will be in the region of £300,000.

The whole of the Council's sewerage system will then be comparatively modern, with a satisfactory effluent complying with the requirements of The Wye River Authority.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Almost the whole of the dwelling houses within the Urban District are provided with waterclosets connected to the Council's sewerage system. A small number of dwellings are drained into cesspools, but as these are situated in the sparsely populated parts of the district, no trouble is experienced.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

At the present time, domestic and trade refuse is collected once weekly from all premises with a more frequent collection for the business premises within the Town Centre.

Disposal is effected by tipping in a large depression adjacent to the Chepstow Racecourse.

THE HOUSING ACT. 1964 Section 19.

Improvement of Dwelling not in an Improvement Area.

One representation was received from a tenant occupying a dwelling not in an improvement area for the provision of amenities to the "full standard". Following the service of a preliminary notice upon the owner of the dwelling, the amenities were eventually provided to the satisfaction of all concerned.

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT. 1959.

(as amended by the Housing Acts 1961 & 1964).

7 applications for Standard Grants were received and approved during the year, the amenities provided and the amount of grant being available varying in each case.

HOUSING

	Temporary			Permanent	
	1964	1965	1966	1964	1965
1. Number of Separate dwellings owned by Local Authority on 31st. December. 1966.	-	-	-	989	989
2. <u>Local Authority Dwellings</u>					
(a) Number of new separate dwellings completed during the year ... ..				-	-
(b) Number of houses otherwise acquired by Local Authority during the year ...				-	-
(c) Number of Local Authority houses disposed of				-	-
3. Number of new separate dwellings completed by Private Enterprise during the year ...				52	24
4. <u>Improvement Grants.</u>					
(a) Number of Standard Improvement Grants ...				7	5
(b) Number of <u>Other</u> Improvement Grants ...				-	1
(c) Amount of Standard Improvement Grants ...				£601	£406
(d) Amount of Other Improvement Grants ...				-	£290
5. <u>Improvement Loans.</u>					
(a) Number of Improvement Loans ... ..				2	3
(b) Amount of Improvement Loans ... ..				£750	£1440
6. <u>Rent Act. 1957.</u>					
Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued				NIL	NIL

FOOD & DRUGS ACT. 1955.

1. The enforcement of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, continued throughout the year, with the result of improving Standards in food premises to which they apply.

2. In connection with the new or modernised food premises opening within the area, the detailed plans for these premises are closely examined for compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations. As a result, discussions took place with the various Firms concerned, and many amendments and improvements were made to satisfy our requirements.

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. of Visits.</u>
Butchers	5
Fried Fish shops and Fishmongers	6
Grocers and Provisioners	15
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	2
General Confectioners..	3
Cafes and Snack Bars...	11
Hotels and Restaurants	19
Street Vendors	24
Licensed Premises	21
School and Works Canteens	3
Unsound food visits	17
Miscellaneous food visits	5
Hospital Canteen	1
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FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS. 1960.

Defects Remedied	Cafes Canteen Confectioners.	Bakers and Food Preparers.	Grocers and Green-Grocers	Butchers	Wet and Fried Fish Shops	Licensed Premises	Hotels and Restaurants.	<u>TOTALS</u>
General Disrepair	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleanliness & Decoration	-	-	1	-	-	4	2	4
Hot water supply	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wash-hand Basins	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
First-Aid Kits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drainage	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Sinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	2	2	1	-	2	7
San.Accom.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Clothing Lockers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1	-	4	3	2	4	5	19



## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### MILK SUPPLY.

The whole of the milk supplied within the district is imported, all consisting of bottled milk of the designated grades.

TWELVE samples of milk were abstracted from retailers during the year, and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination. Of the twelve samples submitted, nine samples only satisfied the prescribed test.

### ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.) REGULATIONS 1959.

### REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

Manufacturers (Cold Mix) ...	...	NIL
Retailers ...	...	27

### PET ANIMALS ACT. 1951.

2 premises are licensed to keep pet animals.

### RODENT CONTROL.

The following extracts from Form I.R.31 as supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food summarises the work carried out under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

#### PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in district	2821	5
2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	36	-
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	36	-
(ii) Mice	-	-
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	-	-
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	-	-
(ii) Mice	-	-

FACTORIES ACTS. 1961

The under-mentioned visits were carried out during the year in connection with the administration of the Factories Acts :-

## PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

(1)	M/C Line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/C Line No. (7)
			Insp. (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	2	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	2	40	19	-	-	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	-	-	-	-	3
TOTAL : -		42	21	-	-	

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases').

	M/c Line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted	
		Found	Remedied	Referred TO H.M. Insp.	BY H.M. Insp.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	4						
Overcrowding (S.2)	5						
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6						
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7						
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8						
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)							
(a) Insufficient	9						
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10						
(c) Not separate for sexes	11						
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	12						
TOTAL : -							

# NOTICES SERVED.

Preliminary Notices served ...	...	...	12
Preliminary Notices complied with	...	...	19
Statutory Notices served ...	...	...	-
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	-

# GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Council house repairs, rehousing etc.	...	...	133
Drainage	...	...	32
Factories	...	...	21
Rodent infestation	...	...	50
Food Premises	...	...	94
Visits re: Unsound Food	...	...	17
Water and Milk Samples	...	...	25
Public Utilities Street Works..	...	...	23
Refuse Collection and Disposal.	...	...	32
Interviews	...	...	240
Licensed Premises	...	...	21
Moveable dwellings	...	...	6
Miscellaneous	...	...	205
HOUSING (Public Health & Housing Acts)	...	...	16
HOUSING (No. of inspections made for that purpose)	...	...	212
Smoke observations	...	...	5
Means of escape in Case of Fire	...	...	14
from certain high Buildings ...	...	...	14
Visits in connection with Applications for	...	...	21
Standard and Discretionary Grants	...	...	175
Building Regulations (New dwellings Etc)	...	...	6
Overcrowding	...	...	9
Fumigations	...	...	56
Offices and Shops	...	...	56

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OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT. 1963

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

TABLE 'A'.

(1) Class of Premises	(2) No. of premises registered during the year	(3) Total No. of registered premises at end of the year.	(4) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspec- tion during the year.
Offices	3	39	1
Retail Shops	4	71	6
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establi- shments open to the public, canteens	-	16	3
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
T O T A L S :-	7	126	10

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises.

TABLE 'B'.

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Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.

TABLE 'C'.

Class of Workplace (1)	No. of persons employed (2)
Offices	195
Retail Shops	477
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	94
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	-
TOTAL : 766 Total Males : 251 Total Females: 515	

Class of Premises.

	Offices	Retail Shops	Catering Est. Open to the Public
1. <u>Temperature.</u> Thermometer provided	-	1	-
2. <u>Sanitary Conveniences.</u> Provision of Lighting Cleanliness Repairs	- 1 -	- 1 4	- - -
3. <u>Washing Facilities.</u> Provision of W.H. Basins Hot & Cold Water	- -	- -	2 1
4. <u>Seating Facilities.</u> Seats provided	-	-	-
5. <u>Floors, passages, stairs.</u> Obstructed stairs	-	-	-
6. <u>First-Aid Kit.</u> Contents No. 1. Contents No. 2.	- -	2 -	1 -
7. <u>Acc. for clothing.</u> Lockers provided	-	-	-
8. Provision of Abstract	-	2	-
9. Inadequate Lighting	-	-	1
10. No. of accidents reported during the year	.....	-	
No. of notices served during year	.....	5	
No. of notices complied with	.....	6	

CONDEMNATION OF UNSOUND FOOD.

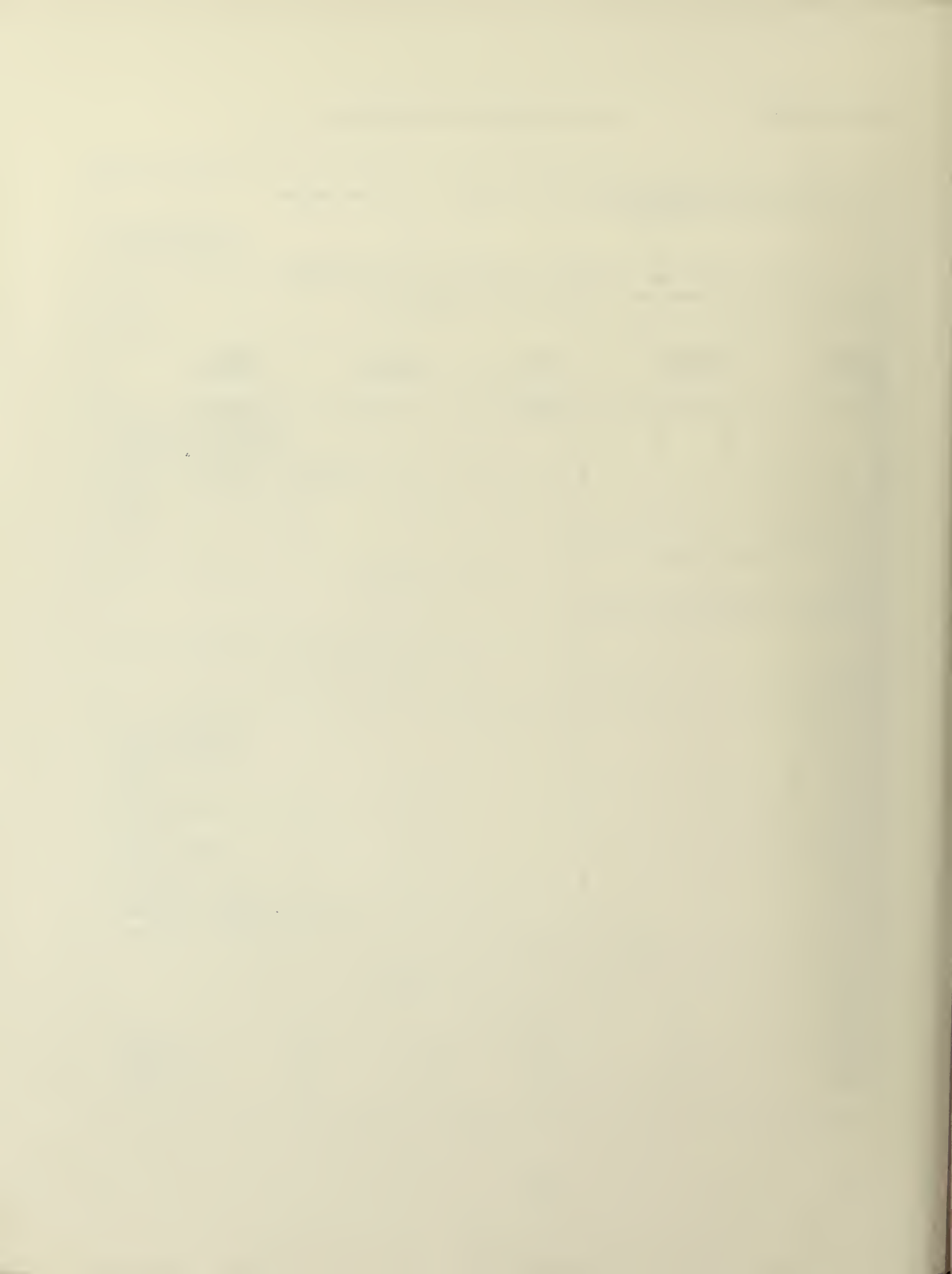
				Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
<u>TUBERCULOSIS.</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	...			-	-	-	-
Meat	...	...		-	-	-	-
Offal	...	...		-	-	-	-
TOTAL :-				-	-	-	-
<u>NON-TUBERCULOSIS.</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	...			-	-	-	-
Meat	...	...		-	1	3	22
Offal	...	...		-	-	-	-
TOTAL :-				-	1	3	22
Total amount - Tuberculosis and Non-Tuberculosis :-				-	1	3	22
<u>OTHER FOODS.</u>							
Corned Beef	...	...		-	-	-	6
Pork	...	...		-	-	-	8
Ox Tongue	...	...		-	-	-	6
Veal	...	...		-	-	-	18
Cooked Ham	...	...		-	-	2	18
Chopped Pork	...	...		-	-	-	4
Chicken	...	...		-	-	3	5
Sausages (Beef and Pork)	...	...		-	-	1	17
Assorted Sweets	...	...		-	1		1
TOTAL :-				-	3	-	27
TINS	...	...	...	...	...	...	598
BISCUITS	...	...	...	...	...	...	46pkts
CONES	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
CHOCOLATE	...	...	...	...	...	...	12bars

CATTLE MARKET.

The Council control the Cattle Market, markets being held on alternate Mondays.

Animals entering the Market during the twelve months ending the 31st. December. 1966 were as follows :-

<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>	<u>PIGS</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
334	43	2729	272	3,378.





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